

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2023-PROCEEDINGS**

The Moderator, Tom Merolli called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. The Moderator led Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. He dispensed with the reading of the warrant. The Moderator went over the rules and procedures for the meeting.

The voters allowed the following non-residents/non-voters into the meeting:

David DeManche-Interim Town Administrator

Karis North-Town Counsel

Dylan Lindholm – Jr. Town Planner

Tyler James – ABMI

Lisa Mosczynski – Metacomet Land Trust

Bill Kessler – Fire Chief

Jennifer O'Neill – Human Resource Coordinator

**ARTICLE 1** Voted to transfer \$17,345.97 from Free Cash to pay Bills of a prior year as follows:

- Verizon - \$577.36
- MIIA - \$7,862.31
- Kinsherf Accounting - \$4,200.00
- Quest Diagnostics - \$133. 57
- Ameresco - \$4,572.73

**Yes – 113**

**No – 6**

**Passed 9/10ths required**

**ARTICLE 2** Voted to transfer \$175,000 from Free Cash into the Stabilization Account.

**Yes – 112**

**No – 13**

**Passed majority**

**ARTICLE 3** Voted to transfer \$100,000 from Free Cash into the Capital Expenditure Account.

**Yes – 113**

**No – 12**

**Passed majority**

**ARTICLE 4** Voted to transfer from Free Cash to be added to the Other Post Employment Benefits ("OPEB") Liability Trust Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Yes – 105**

**No – 17**

**Passed majority**

**ARTICLE 5** Voted to accept the local option of MGL Chapter 44 Section 54, as amended per Section 26 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023, also known as the Prudent Investor Rule, which seeks to optimize returns on trust fund monies.

**Yes – 100**

**No – 21**

**Passed majority**

**ARTICLE 6** Voted to transfer from Free Cash \$8,200 to purchase two mobile speed limit signs.

**Yes – 100**

**No – 27**

**Passed majority**

**ARTICLE 7** Voted to Pass Over this article.

**Yes – 100**

**No – 19**

**Passed majority**

**ARTICLE 8** Voted to transfer from Free Cash \$19,000 to purchase computer software for the Highway Department.

**Yes – 91**

**No – 34**

**Passed majority**

**ARTICLE 9** Voted to transfer from Free Cash \$12,000 to purchase a fob-based key system for all exterior doors in Town Hall.

**Yes – 99**

**No – 26**

**Passed majority**

**ARTICLE 10** Defeated a motion to transfer \$10,000 from the CPA Budgeted Reserve Account for professional design services for an 18-hole disc golf course on Town owned land, location TBD.

**Yes – 43**

**No – 85**

**Failed majority**

**ARTICLE 11** Voted to acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise and to accept the grant to the Town of a permanent conservation restriction, to hold as a co-holder with Metacomet Land Trust, Inc. or other eligible land trust organization or as the sole holder, encumbering all or a portion of the parcels described below, now or formerly owned by James R. Vandersluis and Cheri Ezell Vandersluis, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, §12 and G.L. c.184, §§ 31-33, to be under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission and Metacomet Land Trust, Inc., said parcels of land being described as follows:

A portion of two parcels of land with addresses of 101 and 109 North Avenue, consisting of 111 ± acres identified as Assessor Map 5, Block 189, Lot 101; and 15.0± acres identified as Assessor Map 5, Block 189, Lot 109 in the records of the town assessors; a map being on file with the Town Clerk,

And, further to see if the Town will vote to a) appropriate \$225,000 from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund account under G.L.c.44B of the General Laws, as amended or any other enabling authority for this purpose and any expenses related thereto, including but not limited to the purchase price, legal and associated acquisition costs; and b) authorize the Select Board, Conservation Commission and Town officers to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to affect said purchase and to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition; and I so move.

**Yes – 106**

**No – 28**

**Passed 2/3rds majority**

**ARTICLE 12** Voted to Pass Over this article.

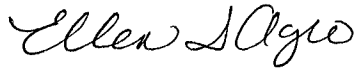
**Yes – 109**

**No – 11**

**Passed majority**

A motion to dissolve the warrant was made at 8:08 pm. The tellers for the meeting were Kathy Rich and Nancy Fleury. Sgt. Guy Kloczkowski was the officer on duty. There were 137 voters in attendance.

A true copy. Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Agro".

Ellen Agro

Town Clerk